



VERMILYEA PLACES

Places That Were

By Carl P. Vermilyea with Sandra (Vermilyea) Todd and Carl P. Vermilyea Jr.

THE VERMILYE MEMORIAL CHAPEL, LAWTON, OKLAHOMA (Also known as the Comanche Reformed Church)

In 2005, Sandra Todd found the following document on the Internet covering the Vermilye Memorial Chapel and the Comanche Lodge in Lawton, Oklahoma: *Chronicles of Oklahoma, Volume 18, No. 4, December, 1940: The Missionary Work of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America in Oklahoma; Part II: Comanche and Apaches; by Richard H. Harper; pages 331-334 – Internet Site: <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/Chronicles/v018/v018p328.html>. In May 2007, Carl P. Vermilyea Jr. went to Lawton in an attempt to learn more about these buildings. Later in May, and as a result of Carl Jr.'s trip, Reverend Charles D. Spencer sent me a copy of the church's centennial celebration booklet, *Comanche Reformed Church, 1907-2007, 100th Anniversary Celebration Booklet; published by the congregation; Reverend Charles D. Spencer, M. Div., Pastor.**

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Lots of Births!
Comanche Church

The internet source covers two Indian Tribes, the Apache and the Comanche. The Apaches were held at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma, as Prisoners of War from 1895 to late 1912 when they were finally freed by an Act of Congress. In 1895, missionaries, most of them women, from the Dutch Reformed Church established and supervised the building of the Apache Mission (a church) at the Fort. They ministered to the Tribal members and acted as a social service group to assist the Indians in coping with their captivity. Under the persistent encouragement of the missionaries over the ensuing years, almost the entire band of Chiricahuas of the Apache Tribe became professing Christians. The Apache Mission was disbanded in 1916 when most of the Apaches moved on to New Mexico.



Vermilyea Memorial Chapel
(Original Comanche Reformed Church)

By 1897, a large Comanche encampment had been established just outside the boundaries of Fort Sill. They were not Prisoners of War but rather had moved there on their own accord. They intermingled with both the Apaches and the soldiers and civilians at the Fort. The Missionaries serving the Apaches soon extended their services to these Comanche. At first, the Comanche people worshiped at the Apache Mission but as time passed, they wanted a church of their own. In 1904, three Comanche leaders traveled to New York to meet

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with members of the Women's Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church in an attempt to obtain donations. Elizabeth B. Vermilye (ancestors: Ashbel Green, Thomas Edward, William W., William, John, Isaac Corsen, Johannes) a member of the Board, made the contribution to build the church in memory of her parents. Construction started in 1905 and the building was named the Vermilye Memorial Chapel (also know as the Comanche Reformed Church). The church was dedicated on May 6, 1906; and, with sixty-three members, the first communion service was held on July 19, 1906. It was formally organized under the Classis of New York of the

In 1912, a "lodge," or parish house, was erected near the church and became known as the Comanche Lodge. Elizabeth B. Vermilye donated the first five hundred dollars for its construction. Other financial donations were added to that initial gift and the Indians helped with labor. The Lodge ended up as a two story edifice with a large room for group quilting sessions and social gatherings. It was equipped with sewing machines for the use of the church women and had a range, utensils, and dishes. It became an essential addition to the church's holdings.

The pastors of the Vermilye Memorial Chapel (Comanche Reformed Church) up until 1930 were white, American Missionaries. In 1930, the Reverend Robert Chaat became pastor. He had been born in Lawton in 1900 of Comanche Christian parents, attended the Cook Christian Training School in Arizona and then became the assistant pastor of the Church. In 1934, he became the first American Indian to be ordained by the Reformed Church in America. He retired from the position in 1969 and died in 1992.

In 1932, the original wooden church fell into disrepair and was torn down; marking the end of the Vermilye Memorial Chapel. Services then were held in the Comanche Lodge until 1941 when the present rock sanctuary was built. The steeple bell from the original church was installed in the new church but in 1971 was removed from there and now rests above a wishing well in front of the Church.

(Added note: A footnote on page 333 of the Internet source reads: "The Comanche Mission has sometimes been called, locally, 'The Helen Gould Mission.' Mrs. Finley J. Shepard (nee Helen Gould) was a member of the Women's Board of Domestic Missions for many years, and helped generously in the support of Indian work, but was not such a giver to this particular mission as far as the records show, as to bring her name into prominence thereby. The official name is the Vermilye Memorial Reformed Church." Mrs. Shepard was the daughter of the well-known, railroad magnate and financier Jay Gould whose residence (a mansion, named Kirkside) was located in Roxbury, NY. A Reformed Dutch Church member and generous philanthropist, Helen, who lived in the mansion after she married, donated funds for many projects to help Indians. After her death, the mansion was converted into a retirement home. Sandra (Vermilyea) Todd's mother, Margaret E. (Bellows) Vermilyea, resided at Kirkside for a period of time before moving to skilled nursing facility in 2007.)



Comanche Reformed Church
in 2007



Nahwats
The first (in 1897) Comanche
Warrior to be converted to
Christianity in Lawton, OK, by
Reformed Dutch Church missionaries.

FROM THE STAFF

by Carl Vermilyea

The VFA Board of Directors has set the 2008 dues policy for Subscribing Members. In short, there will be no change from the policies of the past two years; if you are a Subscribing Member now, you will be automatically carried over into 2008 and will not have to pay dues. See the section titled "Subscribing Member Dues for 2008" on the last page ("The VFA" page) in this edition for details.

All Subscribing Members who receive this newsletter via email are reminded to let Sandra or John Todd know if you change your email address - so that we can keep the newsletter coming your way. (Sandra's and John's email and postal addresses are on "The VFA" page). Also, if you have been receiving the newsletter via email but now desire to get it via mail (postal), please let them know. And, if you have been receiving the newsletter either by email or postal but now want to discontinue receiving it (that is, terminate your Subscribing Membership), please let them know.

On July 6th, Sandra Todd again updated her Web Site covering the first seven generations. If you have access to the internet and haven't visited the Site for a while, I suggest you do so. The address is at the bottom of "The VFA" page.

Occasionally, I find I look at something in our VFA files several times and for some reason fail to catch an error that's been sitting there for a long time. As you well know, I've been following and reporting on the career of Jamie Vermilyea, baseball pitcher, for the past couple of years. Not long after we published the last newsletter, I realized that we've had his name wrong in our files. His full name is James Jordan Vermilyea. We've corrected our records and I apologize to Jamie and his family.

Speaking of Jamie, he has not been recalled to the major leagues (the Toronto Blue Jays) since our report in the last newsletter. After being sent back down to the Blue Jays' AAA club in Syracuse, NY (the Sky Chiefs), we understand that he was injured and did not pitch for a while. He has since resumed throwing, albeit, it appears, on a limited basis and primarily as a middle reliever. The season for the Sky Chiefs is over. Jamie's season record with them was 2 wins, 2 losses, and 1 save in 25 games appearances; and, an ERA of 4.15 in the 43 1/3 innings he pitched. Had it not been for one bad game in which he allowed 5 earned runs in 4 innings, his ERA would have been 3.43; not bad considering he's been playing for a sub-par hitting team that had an overall record of 64 wins and 80 losses for the year.

We have received excellent articles from descendants for this edition. Appreciation is extended to Roger Hull for his information about and pictures of Leiden, Holland; to Clyde Robinson Jr. for his poem; to Frances Warren for her report on the Vermilyer Reunion; and, to all those who provided obituaries and birth and wedding announcements. Please keep similar stories coming our way. We are always looking for articles covering a wide range of subjects - they keep the newsletter interesting for all readers.

As this is our last edition for the year, the VFA staff extends to each and every one of you, and your families, our very best wishes for healthy, wonderful and happy Thanksgiving and December holiday season. We hope that your 2008 gets off to a great start.

Christmas is a bridge. We need bridges as the river of time flows past. Today's Christmas should mean creating happy hours for tomorrow and reliving those of yesterday.

- Gladys Tabor, *Still Cove Journal*

BACK TO LEIDEN, A FAMILY MEMBER VISITS

Thanks to Roger Hull

This spring one of our family members Roger Hull, a grandson of Adalicia (Vermilyea) and Eugene Samuel Hull (#740, 7th Generation), visited Leiden, Holland while on vacation in Europe. He was kind enough to share these pictures and provided the following information from his trip.



One of the original eight wooden Gates into Leiden, Holland, The Zijlpoort (Zyl Gate).

Below, close up of gate detail.



The gate was built in 1667 in the classicist style according to a design by the Leiden architect Willem van der Helm and with sculpture by Rombout Verhulst. Because the gates have to connect with the city wall as well as with the bridge, the building is in the form of a parallelogram. Together with the Morspoort, the Zijlpoort is the only one of the original eight gates that survive. The name refers to the nearby river the Zjil. The predecessor of the Zijlpoort stood at the end of the Haarlemmerstraat that is now called the Havenplein. In the last quarter of the twentieth century the Zijlpoort was renovated twice on a large scale. During the last renovation, in the 1990s, supporting constructions were put up on both sides of the gate. Since 1999, a catering shop has been established in one of them.

One of the older churches in Leiden, now used as a Funeral Chapel. The tombstone below was in the adjoining cemetery. The name is the closest to Vermilyea that Roger could find.



The Oldest University in the Netherlands was founded in February, 1575. It was a gift from William of Orange to the citizens of Leiden who had withstood a long siege by the Spaniards. It has produced a number of great people including Herman Boerhaave (1668-1738, one of the most influential clinicians and teachers of the 18th century, Boerhaave spent almost his entire life in Leiden, which became a leading medical centre of Europe.) It is possible Johannes and his family could have seen this building...



A couple views from one of the many beautiful canals in Leiden. They date back to the early 1600's.



A bit of History

Leiden/Leyden flourished in the 16th and 17th century. At the close of the 15th century the weaving establishments (mainly broadcloth) of Leiden were very important, and after the expulsion of the Spaniards Leiden cloth, Leiden baize and Leiden camlet were familiar terms. In the same period, Leiden developed an important printing and publishing industry.

During the Dutch Golden Era, Leiden was the second largest city of Holland, after Amsterdam. From the late 17th century onwards Leiden slumped, mainly because of decline of the cloth industries. In the beginning of the 19th century the baize manufacture was altogether given up, although industry remained central to Leiden economy. This decline is painted vividly by the fall in population. Because of the economic decline from the 17th to the early 20th century, much of the 16th and 17th century town centre is still intact. The population of Leiden which, it is estimated, reached 100,000 in 1640, had sunk to 30,000 between 1796 and 1811, and in 1904 it was 56,044. The population as of January 1, 2007 is 117,530.

“GENEALOGY”

A poem by Clyde Robinson Jr.

Clyde Robinson Jr. is a descendant of William P. Vermilyea, one of our unidentified family members (see #23 under “Who Is This” at vermilyeafamilyreunion.com).

If anyone has had an experience in their lives they would like expressed in a written poem, Clyde has said that he’d be happy to write one for you. He can be contacted directly at:

Geneology

Gathering much data, searching out records
which lead one into our family’s past...
Enchanted mysteries evolve, as names of earlier
clans appear...for which your mind must resolve.
Names envelope your “subconscious”...a dream,
lasting memories permeate, bursting at the seam.
Enticing one’s heart to pursue further within...
by the lives of family members...taking it on the chin.
Old ones, younger...male, female just so many
acting as a detective, you delve without a penny.
Learning of lives lived, some rich others even poor...
you can’t rest a day, your mind ever seeking more.
Ocean’s vast, upon lands far away and rather close...
once located, as an addict you get your dose.
Gratitude lingers within your soul...it burns,
It’s not a task to you, appreciation is what it earns.
Yet, the yearning for one’s “roots” entice us all...
to reach into the past, to know who we are at last.

by Clyde Robinson, Jr.

Clyde’s first book of poetry “*For The Unity Of Our Sprit*” is being published and will be available for purchase in January 2008 at Borders, Barnes & Noble and at Amazon.com web sites.

2007 VFA SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS

We extend our appreciation to the 70 Subscribing Members listed below for their continued interest and support during 2007. Their Membership will be carried forward automatically into 2008; they will not be required to pay dues.

Avery, Glenda & Dale
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Vermilyea, Paul H.
Vermilyea, Peter & Jill
Vermilyea, Samuel & Evelyn Jo
Vermilyea, Silas R. Jr. & Elizabeth
Vermilyer, George
Vermilyer, James E. & Wilma
Watson, Beverly V.
Webb, William P.
Whittaker, Bonnie
Young, Darla & Arthur

IN MEMORY

Our sincere condolences are extended to all those who have recently lost loved ones.

Arthur J. Bacon, son of Elizabeth Pauline Vermilyea⁷, (Paul⁶, Peter I.⁵, Isaac G.⁴, Gerardus³, John², Johannes¹)

Published in the Times Herald-Record, Middletown, New York, June 1, 2007.

Arthur J. Bacon of Walden, N.Y., a retired supervisor for Star Expansion, Mountainville, N.Y. and lifelong resident of the area, died Thursday, May 31, 2007 at home. He was 85 years old.

The son of Arthur J. and Elizabeth Vermilyea Bacon, he was born June 28, 1921 in Maybrook, N.Y.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Corizzo Bacon at home; four daughters: Alice "Snookie" Score and her husband, John "Dave", Joann McCoskery and her husband, Tom, Barbara Kulisek and her husband, Ed, and Mariann Badalucco and her husband, Mark; one sister, Pauline DeLuco; grandchildren: Karin Winum and her husband, Nat, John Michael Score and his wife, Michelle, Janice Vesely, Arthur Vesely, Thomas McCoskery, and Melissa Murray and her husband, Stephen, Cassandra Kulisek, Marie and Marris Badalucco; great-grandchildren, Seth, Joshua, Ethan, and Adam Winum; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Bert and LeRoy Bacon and two sisters, Isabel Benward and Mildred Kosteczko.

Visitation will be on Sunday, June 3, 2007 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Gridley-Horan Funeral Home, 39 Orchard St., Walden, N.Y.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 4 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Wallkill Valley Cemetery, Walden.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Orange.

Arrangements were made by Gridley-Horan Funeral Home, Inc., 39 Orchard St., Walden, N.Y.

Doris C. Sullivan, daughter of Lillian M. Vermilyea⁸, (Frank S.⁷, George H.⁶, Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Published in the Albany Times Union, Albany, New York, July 30, 2007.

COXSACKIE, Doris C. Sullivan, age 88, of Coxsackie, N.Y. died Friday, July 27, 2007 at the Schuyler Ridge Health Care Center in Clifton Park. She was born in New Baltimore, N.Y., November 24, 1918, and was the daughter of the late Arthur Hotaling and Lillian Vermilyea Hotaling Ames. She retired from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles in Catskill, N.Y. She also worked for Dr. William A. Lambertson for over 20 years in Coxsackie. In 1942, she worked at the Watervliet Arsenal and later for General Electric in Coxsackie. Doris was a gold star wife, she was an avid reader and loved to mow her lawn and plant flowers. She will be remembered for her love of her home town community of Coxsackie.

Doris is survived by her daughter Terrie Hallenbeck of Glenmont; three nieces Joan Mathes, Judith (Jerome) Misuraca and Jean Hathaway all of Coxsackie; two grandchildren Michael H. Miller of Cincinnati, Ohio and Stacey (Mark) Patton of Dallas, Texas; three great-grandchildren Nicholas, Sydney and Olivia; two nephews James (Michele) Misuraca and Mark Hathaway.

Besides her parents Doris was predeceased by her first husband flight officer, William Harding who died in World War II and is interred in the Florence, Italy, American Military Cemetery; second husband Nicholas R. Sullivan; sister Emily Marie Hotaling Schermerhorn; brother Frank Bertram Hotaling; and, stepfather Leonard "Pa" Ames.

Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at the Second Reformed Church in Coxsackie with Rev. Carolyn Lewis officiating. Interment will follow in the family plot of the Riverside

Cemetery in Coxsackie. Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at the W.C. Brady's Son Inc. Funeral Home, 97 Mansion Street, Coxsackie, NY 12051 on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association North East Chapter, 85 Watervliet Ave. Albany, NY 12206.

A. Jay Vermilye¹⁰, (Charles Byron⁹, Louis E.⁸, James N.⁷, John⁶, Benjamin⁵, Benjamin⁴, John (Johannes)³, John², Johannes¹)

Townsend Wood Funeral Chapel Web Site, Penn Yan, New York.

A. Jay Vermilye, age 46, of Penn Yan, New York died Thursday, July 5, 2007 at home. Friends and family may call at the Townsend-Wood Funeral Chapel, 201 East Elm St., Penn Yan, NY on Monday, July 9, 2007 from 12pm to 3pm, where a Celebration of his Life will be held following at 3pm. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the A. Jay Vermilye Children's Fund, C/O Lyons National Bank, 205 Liberty St., Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Jay was born May 7, 1961 in Penn Yan, NY, the son of the late Charles and Elizabeth Vermilye, Sr. He was a graduate of Penn Yan Academy and was employed for over 20 years with Geneva Club Beverage. He was a member of the American War Dad's and the Son's of the American Legion.

He is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Robin Drew Vermilye; children, Adam Jay, Aaron Drew, Travis Deke, and Sarah Lynn; sisters, Betty Jo Brown and Terry Lee Vermilye-Downs; father-in-law and step mother-in-law, Bob and Shirley Drew; brother-in-laws, Bernard and Robert Drew; sister-in-law, Cindy Robinson; mother-in-law, Mary Drew; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many great friends, too numerous to mention. In addition to his parents, Jay was predeceased by his brothers, Charles Earl Osterhout and Charles B. Vermilye..

Dorothy M. Vermilyea, spouse of Raymond Edward Vermilyea⁹, (William Horace⁸, Charles Emmet⁷, Erwin G.⁶, John S.⁵, Benjamin⁴, John (Johannes)³, John², Johannes¹)

Published in the Patriot-News (www.pennlive.com/obits), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, May 17, 2007.

Dorothy M. Vermilyea, 86, of Harrisburg, passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at Blue Ridge Mountain Nursing Home.

Born in Clearfield County, she was the daughter of the late Newton and Lulu Davis Barger. She was the widow of Raymond E. Vermilyea.

She attended Linglestown Church of God and formerly attended Christian Missionary Alliance in Clearfield.

She is survived by a son, Raymond E., Jr.; 2 daughters, Diane M. Snyder and Linda Folmar; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m., at Christian Missionary Alliance, 45 Alliance Road, Clearfield. Rev. Dr. Duane A. White will officiate. Burial will be in Bradford Cemetery, Clearfield.

There will be a viewing on Friday evening from 6-8 p.m., at Hoover Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., 6011 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg and at the church on Saturday from 1 p.m., until time of services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Linglestown Church of God, 5834 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 or to the Humane Society of Harrisburg, 7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Farley McCoy Vermilyea⁸, (Arthur Farley⁷, Nathaniel⁶, Solomon⁵, Peter⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Published in the Belleville Intelligencer, Belleville, Ontario, Canada, August 20, 2007.

VERMILYEA, Farley - at the Belleville General Hospital, on Sunday, August 19, 2007 in his 91st year. Son of the late Myrtle & Arthur Vermilyea. Beloved husband of the late Vera Vermilyea. Loving father of the late Jack Vermilyea (Delores), Bill Vermilyea (Barbara) of Winchester, Blair Vermilyea (Anita) of Barrie, and Than Vermilyea (Dawn) of Belleville. Loved by his 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to call at the BURKE FUNERAL HOME (613 968-6968) 150 Church St., Belleville on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. followed by a Memorial service at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel. Interment Belleville Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Mary Vermilyea, spouse of Raymond Alyious Vermilyea¹⁰, (Raymond Alyious⁹, Silas Fisher⁸, Herbert M.⁷, David⁶, Joseph⁵, David⁴, David³, John², Johannes¹)

Published in Newsday, Melville, New York, May 3, 2007.

VERMILYEA - Mary, of Naples, FL. (formerly of Bay Shore, NY) at the age of 76. Loving wife of Raymond. Beloved mother of Mary Ellen, Jo Anne, and Kelly. Cherished grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of one. Devoted sister of Eileen.

Memorial visitation, Saturday 2-5 and 7-9PM, Overton Funeral Home, Inc., 172 Main Street, Islip, NY.

Raymond Alyious Vermilyea¹⁰, (Raymond Alyious⁹, Silas Fisher⁸, Herbert M.⁷, David⁶, Joseph⁵, David⁴, David³, John², Johannes¹)

Published in Newsday, Melville, New York, May 13, 2007.

VERMILYEA - Raymond, of Naples, Fla. (formerly of Bay Shore, N.Y.), on May 10, 2007, at the age of 76. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary. Loving father of Mary Ellen, Jo Anne, and Kelly. Cherished grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of one.

Visiting, Tuesday, 2-5 and 7-9 PM, at the Overton Funeral Home, Inc., 172 Main Street, Islip. Mass of Christian Burial, Wednesday, 11 AM, St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Bay Shore. Cremation private.

Berneice A. "Bea" Vermilyer, spouse of Leonard L. Vermilyer⁹, (Elmer Charles⁸, Nelson Barnum⁷, Barnabas/Charles Barnabas⁶, William⁵, Peter⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Published in the South Bend Tribune, South Bend, Indiana, July 8, 2007.

Feb. 8, 1921 - July 5, 2007

LAPORTE - Berneice Audrey "Bea" Vermilyer, 86, passed away Thursday, July 5, in Miller's Merry Manor, New Carlisle. Survivors include her stepdaughter, Gloria Frey; a stepson, Leonard Vermilyer; four step-grandchildren; a sister, Bonnie Werich; and a brother, Paul Wolfe.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, in Haverstock Funeral Home, Inc., where friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 9, and one hour prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Harbor Light Hospice, 4330 Maine Street, South Bend, IN 46614.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Adam Dwain Vermilyea to Carolyn Sue Burns



Family and friends from throughout the United States gathered on August 25, 2007 to celebrate the marriage of Adam Dwain Vermilyea, son of Dwain and Deborah Vermilyea, to Carolyn (Carrie) Sue Burns, daughter of Cal and Patricia Burns.

Adam and Carrie were married at 3:30 pm in an outdoor ceremony at the home of Adam's Grandfather, Dennis Vermilyea in Nehalem, Oregon. The Bride's Niece, Isabella Burns (1) was the flower girl and nephew, Hayden Burns (4) was Isabella's escort. The Groom's Nephews, Patrick (11) and Joshua Rummell (9) pulled double duty as ushers and ring bearers. The wedding day was filled with gorgeous tropical flowers, good food, dancing and more than enough love to go around. Adam and Carrie make their home in Portland, Oregon.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Having difficulty in thinking of a Christmas gift for a hard-to-buy-for relative? Suggestion: A one-year membership in the Vermilyea Family Association. See details about gift memberships on the VFA page.



A NOTE FROM SIAS REUBEN VERMILYEA, JR. (REUB)

I received a note from Reub that was written as follows:

"The Reuben W. Vermilyea (#982) in the obituaries of the past was my great-uncle. The only knowledge I had of him was hearing my dad, Silas R. Vermilyea, speak of him.

My grandfather, Joseph (whose twin sister was Josephine) was a son of Fanny Meade and Avery [Vermilyea]. I never knew Avery worked as a cook on steam boats on the Hudson. I knew about the whaling ship and that he had spent ten hours in the Indian Ocean clinging to his oar after his whale boat was rammed by a whale they had harpooned, but I never knew about his naval service and about his being aboard the Missouri and about its burning the Straits of Gibraltar.

I also was unaware of the year they moved to Minnesota and where they first settled! Lots of new stuff!

He must have been quite a guy!!

P.S. My dad came to Oregon from Dexter, MN in 1907. I still don't know why they changed the spelling of the name."

~ Joanne V. MacArthur

BIRTHS

Congratulations to all !!

Olivia Grace Drossel was born August 16, 2007. Her parents are Jason Arthur Eugene and Renee Lynn (Burns) Drossel. Grandparents are Arthur William, Jr. and Christine Marie (Vermilyea) Drossel. Great grandparents are Helen L. (Holmes) and the late Eugene Ward Vermilyea. Olivia weighed 8 lbs, 9 oz and measured 19 3/4 inches long.



Mazy Gale Duyck, born April 18, 2007 daughter of Jamie Elizabeth (Hopkins) and Joseph Duyck. Mazy is the granddaughter of Karen Gayle (Vermilyea) and Mark Edwin Hopkins. Sam and Jo (Gordon) Vermilyea are the great grandparents.

Ryver Zetta Quinn, born August 30, 2006 daughter of Kelsey Anne (Vermilyea) and Aaron Michael Rexford. She is the granddaughter of Cynthia Ann (Vermilyea) and Paul Wickham. Jack and the late Patricia (Gordon) Vermilyea are the Great grandparents. She weighed 7 lb, 8oz and measured 19.5" long.



Caroline Grace Vermilyea, born May 14, 2007 in North Carolina. Caroline is the daughter of Ryan and Kimberly (Ward) Vermilyea of Wake Forest, North Carolina. Grandparents are Michael and Prudence Vermilyea of Orlando, Florida. Great Grandparents are Lynn Vermilyea of Apopka Florida and the late Nancy (Rosa) Vermilyea.

Luke Allen Young, born July 8, 2007 at Painesville, Ohio. Luke is the son of Phillip and Diane (Widmar) Young and the grandson of Darla (Vermilye) and Arthur Young. Luke weighed 9lbs. 3 oz. and 20 inches long.

THE VFA

The Vermilyea Family Association (Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea, Vermilyer), or VFA for short, a not-for-profit social club staffed by volunteers, was established on November 27, 1995. We have shared information about the descendants of Johannes Vermelje (the Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea and Vermilyer lines) and, thus, together, learned a great deal about our small, unique, extended family. With the goals of increasing family unity, bonding and fellowship, we encourage you to submit to our Historian your genealogy research plus stories, histories and information about your family, ancestors and descendants. By doing so, we'll all benefit by learning even more; and, from our consolidated records, you might just find that long-lost relative you've been wondering about for years.

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